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CHARLESTON, Ill.--The gift of a Charleston couple has put Eastern Illinois University's Tenth Decade Campaign over the \$2 million mark, according to Dr. Daniel Thornburgh, Executive Director of the EIU Foundation.

Donors are Charles R. Dow and Ruth McNabb Dow. Their gift, an undisclosed amount, put the campaign at \$2,008,000. The money goes to initiate the McNabb Graduate Scholarship Fund, in honor of Mrs. Dow's parents, Bernie and Nellie McNabb.

Mrs. Dow said her parents "both valued education highly, and both virtually financed their own undergraduate and graduate education. They appreciated the support of others and would be pleased to assist other deserving students."

Mrs. Dow, graduate coordinator in Eastern's School of Home Economics, said criteria for the scholarship include scholarship, leadership and service. She said need may be considered.

The Tenth Decade Campaign, started in 1984 to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the founding of Eastern in 1895, has reached approximately 41 percent of its \$5,000,000 goal.

Ending target is December 1989. However, Thornburgh said "completing our goal by December 1988 is well within probability. We are certainly grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Dow for their generous contribution."